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Docket No. FAA-99-5927 -40
400 Seventh S. SW
Room Plaza 401
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Sirs;

I wish to go on record regarding helicopter overflights in Glacier National Park.

I am in complete agreement with the National Park Service's request that the FAA eliminate commercial sightseeing overflights in the airspace above Glacier.

These flights are abusive of the vast majority of park visitors. Those visitors have made their displeasure known in many public meetings regarding the park's master plan.

The noise of helicopter flight is not appropriate in a place reserved for contemplation of the quiet majesty of nature.

I am a pilot and I am distrustful of most environmental organizations, but in this issue, I agree with those groups and with the large majority of citizens who want the skies over Glacier National Park to be clear and quiet.

Sincerely



Art Burch, Jr.